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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-23, 35, 36 and 39 are pending, with claims 7-17, 20 and 21 being withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 18, 19, 22, 35 and 36 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Carruth. Claims 1 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Tidey. Claims 2, 4 and 8 are allowed. Claim 23 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The applicant has placed the application in condition for allowance by cancelling all of the rejected and withdrawn claims and by amending objected-to claim 23 to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

This amendment is submitted in order to expedite the issuance of a patent for this invention, in view of the extended duration of prosecution that has already occurred. The applicant does not traverse the rejections contained in the Office Communication dated 11/15/2005, however, the amendments presented herein should not be construed as concurrence with the rejections by the applicant. The applicant may elect to pursue further prosecution of the rejected claims in continuing application(s).

The allowance of the application to issue including claims 2, 4, 6 and 23 is hereby respectfully requested.



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